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WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018  
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 217

Board Members in attendance: MaryEllen Thibodeau, Ken Livingston, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin, Jill Morawski, Jim Greene and Dan Firestone

Town Staff in Attendance: Marc Blanchard

There were approximately 13 people in attendance. A quorum of the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission was present.

Announcement: Next Meeting April 9th, 2018 @ 7:00PM Room 400.

The meeting was called to order 7:05:PM

MaryEllen reported on pedestrian initiatives.

- New crosswalk scheduled to be included on Park Road
- Improve access to Kennedy Park
- Ringold Street and
- Glendhill Nursery – Walking access is limited and dangerous
- Ed Pawlak recommended that the commission meet with town engineer on a monthly basis
  - o Established Liaison
  - o Emails read into public records
- Request for information on proposed Mountain Rd to Rte 44 intersection improvements

Strategic discussion – Review of commission “About” page written by Helen Rubino-Turco with input from commission members

- The commission has made recommendations/changes

Jill Morawski reported on Legislative action committee,

- Ken Livingston reported on UCONN Campus meeting
  - o Uses for land from park-like to apartments were presented as potential options
- Scott Franklin mentioned plans to extend Trout Brook Trail through the UCONN property along Trout Brook Drive

West Hartford Public Schools – Bike to school day May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Scott Franklin reported on Local Recreational Bike Routes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Westmoor Park - proposed to install route April

Bike Safety initiatives – Lisa Daly is hoping to develop middle school bike safety curriculum scheduled for Fall 2018 launch

Jim Greene reported on bike to work day May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 – May start from new location since REI will have closed by that date. Exact location TBD.

Scott Franklin reported on Watch for me CT Stakeholders meeting, part of CT Children’s Medical center, the goal is to increase the education and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers---coordinated by Amy Watkins who will do a presentation at our April meeting

Scott Franklin reported on Hartford’s Bicycle Plan

MaryEllen reported on North Main Street restructuring plan, neighborhood single issue group

- Also noted North Main Street Bridge reconstruction has been postponed.
- North Main related meeting is penciled from March 21, 2018
- Request from the town to have traffic consultant expand the study

Bike Friendly Status Renewal – Helen Rubino-Turco has submitted application

West Hartford How-To Festival 03/24/18 10am – 3pm

- Ref room 2 of west Hartford public library
- Volunteers needed

West Hartford Celebrate June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

- Requested bike ride on the 3.2 mile running route

2018 West Hartford Milling and Paving Projects

- Email sent to commission with attachments
- The commission asked Edward Pawlak to coordinate a smaller group meeting to assist on Boulevard Phase

Delamar Hotel Bike Share

- Scott will be meeting with hotel representatives

The 2017 Complete Streets Compliance Report was distributed and discussed.

Meeting was adjourned 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Johnson, Board Member  
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission